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3/24/03—Boston College Law School is pleased to welcome the United States Ambassador to Ireland Richard J. Egan to the Law School campus on April 2, 2003.

As the founder of EMC Corporation, Ambassador Egan will be discussing how to succeed in American business today. As a United States Ambassador and former United States marine helicopter chief in the Korean War, Ambassador Egan will also offer an inside perspective on the War in Iraq and America’s larger War on Terrorism.

"Anyone who wants to better understand what it takes to succeed in the business world will benefit by learning from one of the most successful businessmen in America today," said Larry Cunningham, a BC Law Professor of Law and Business. "I'm very pleased that he has agreed to come speak with us."

Ambassador Egan was born in Milton, Massachusetts. Following the Marine Corps, he went on to earn a degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University. He commenced graduate studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and subsequently joined MIT’s Draper Laboratory as part of the team that developed the Apollo Guidance Computer. Ambassador Egan continued his business career with NASA, Lockheed Aircraft and Intel Corporation.

In 1979, Ambassador Egan founded EMC, starting with six employees. EMC Enterprise Storage systems, software products, and services are the leading information access and storage solutions for every major computing platform. The company employs more than 20,000 worldwide and has manufacturing and design centers in Massachusetts, Colorado, North Carolina, Belgium, Ireland and Israel.

Ambassador Egan is a dynamic leader in the educational, business and high-tech communities, having served as Director of the Massachusetts High Technology Council and Business Roundtable, Director of the New York Stock Exchange Advisory Board, and founder of the Hopkinton Technology for Education Foundation.

He has received honorary degrees from Northeastern University and the New England Institute of Technology. In 1994, Inc. Magazine named him "Master Entrepreneur of the Year", he was the 2001 recipient of the Medal of Honor Society’s Patriot Award and he has been one of Irish America Magazine’s "Top 100" for the past several years.

In addition to his private sector and high tech leadership, Ambassador Egan has been an active member of his community. His major philanthropic activities include improvement of schools and universities, support to health care institutions, and assistance to the community on dozens of the other issues.

Ambassador Egan will speak on April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Law School's East Wing Building, room 115B. His appearance is sponsored by the Republicans of Boston College Law School.